"BRINGING IN A NEW SEASON OF DESTINY"

Hope & Faith Worldwide Ministries, LLC and six members of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church journeyed to Tzaneen, South Africa to conduct a three-day crusade and workshops for pastors in South Africa.

The genesis of the journey to South Africa was a move of God. God dispatched the A.C. Phoenix newspaper by the hands of Dr. Patricia Bailey to Letawba, South Africa and into the hands of Pastor S. P. Mkansi, Pastor of World Revival Ministries. While reading through the pages of the Phoenix, God spoke to Pastor Mkansi as he read the promotional ad for Hope & Faith Celebration 2004. In that moment, God inspired Pastor Mkansi to write publisher Rodney Sumler of the AC Phoenix to locate Bishop John Parks. Mr. Sumler hand delivered the letter from South Africa to Bishop Parks at the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Winston Salem. God further set in order this divine appointment when Pastor Mkansi connected with Bishop Parks.

Pastors and members of various denominations joined Hope & Faith for three nights of awesome worship and deliverance. Bishop Parks was blessed in that eleven pastors submitted themselves to him as their spiritual covering. This was truly an unforgettable experience. What a mighty God we serve! Bishop Parks firmly believes that God has mandated Hope & Faith Worldwide Ministry to strengthen pastors across the world in achieving their destiny in the Lord. The vision statement of Hope & Faith is, "To become a worldwide ministry that provides holistic ministry resources for pastors, their church leaders, and their ministries by helping to facilitate escalating levels of ministry effectiveness, and successive levels of growth for the expansion of the kingdom of God through Jesus Christ."

Hope & Faith Worldwide Ministries has covenant partners churches in Nassau Bahamas, Houston Texas, Haines City Florida, and Tzaneen South Africa. For more information about Hope & Faith Worldwide Ministries, please contact:

Bishop John C Parks is the founder and presiding Bishop of Hope & Faith Worldwide Ministries. He is senior pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. He can be reached at (336) 724-5401, Email: HPNDFTH1@aol.com.

Sims Recreation Center Accepting Peace Toys Donations

Help make it a happy and peaceful Christmas for disadvantaged youth this year by donating a new toy to the annual Peace Toys for War Toys Exchange at the William C. Sims Recreation Center.

Through the exchange, children can exchange toys and games that encourage aggression, such as toy knives and guns and violent video games, for toys that promote excellence and peaceful living, such as word games, sports equipment and peaceful computer and video games. Each year more than 200 children participate.

The program is now in its 11th year and was started by Ben Piggott, the supervisor of the Sims Recreation Center. Piggott has received numerous honors for the program, including a national award in 2000 by the National Crime Prevention Council.

Donations are being accepted through Dec. 14 and can be dropped off at these locations:

- Sims Recreation Center, 1201
 Alder St.
- City Hall South lobby, 100 E. First St.
- NC License Plate Bureau, Parkway Plaza
- Piedmont Federal savings and Loan branches downtown, at Northside
- Shopping Center and Parkview Plaza
- Paul's Cycling & Fitness, 2405
 Buchanan St.
- Westbrook's Delicatessen & Grocery, 2011 E. 25th St.

This year's Peace Toys for War Toys Exchange will be held at 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16th, at the Sims Center. For more information call Ben Piggott at 727-2837.

ATM NOW IN SERVICE IN CITY HALL SOUTH LOBBY

A no-surcharge automatic teller machine is now in operation in the lobby of City Hall South at 200 E. First Street. The machine was installed by the Winston-Salem City Employees' Credit Union.

Anyone visiting City Hall South can use the machine for cash with-drawals and for making account inquiries and account transfers. It does not accept deposits, said Tony Ebron, the president of the credit union.

"We see it as an opportunity to offer a service to the citizens of Winston-Salem who come in to do business with the Revenue Center," Ebron said. "If they're paying their utility bill or a parking ticket and they need some cash, it's available to them without having to pay a surcharge fee, no matter where they do their banking."

However, Ebron noted that the citizen's bank may charge a fee when its customers use another institution's ATM.

For more information, call the Winston-Salem City Employees' Credit Union at 727-2663.

NAACP Leader Wants To Reduce Number Of Blacks In Prison

DURHAM—During a conference on crime, NAACP President William Barber and state officials called for changes to government policy, as well as within communities and by individuals, to reduce the disproportionate number of blacks in the state's prison system.

The conference held at N.C. Central University was meant to discuss the causes and consequences of crime in the minority community and find solutions.

The conference will end today with workshops and a speech by Henry Frye, a former chief justice of the N.C. Supreme Court. The conference is free and open to the public.





